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TAGS: CASC, OGEN, AINF (SULLIVAN, JOHN J.)
SUBJECT: W/W JOHN J. SULLIVAN

ACTION: SECSTATE WASHDC - IMMEDIATE

UNCLAS SAN SALVADOR 2115

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REF: STATE 65192 AND PREVIOUS

1. CONOFF VISITED JUDICIAL CENTER TODAY AND RESEARCHED FILES OF ALL UNIDENTIFIED CORPSES FOUND IN THE CITY OF SAN SALVADOR BETWEEN DECEMBER 28 AND JANUARY 6th. [redacted] OF THE THIRD COURT ASSISTED IN THE SEARCH OF THE SIX CASES. DISCOVERED NONE WERE BELIEVED TO BE SULLIVAN. THIS CONCLUSION WAS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:

(A) CORPSE Nº 1 WAS FOUND AT 11:30 ON 12/28 BEFORE SULLIVAN HAD ARRIVED IN THE COUNTRY.

(B) CORPSE Nº 2 WAS DESCRIBED AS AN ALCOHOLIC FREQUENTLY SEEN IN THE AREA BUT WITH NAME UNKNOWN.

(C) CORPSE Nº 3 WAS FOUND AT 4:30 ON 12/28. SULLIVAN CHECKED IN SHERATON HOTEL AT 6 P. M. THAT DAY.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR
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(D) CORPSE Nº 4 WAS DESCRIBED AS 1 METER 65" WITH 2 GOLD CAPPED TEETH. HE WAS SHOT DURING AN ASSAULT ON A CLOTHING STORE ON 12/25 AT 5:15 P. M. HE WAS DRESSED IN BLUE CORDOROY JEANS (PRINCE BRAND MADE IN CENTRAL AMERICA) WITH A RED SHIRT MADE OF TOWEL MATERIAL. HIS HAD ON BLUE SOCKS AND BLACK BOOTS. HAIR WAS BLACK AND COMPLEXION DARK.

(E) CORPSE Nº 5 WAS DESCRIBED AS AN ALCOHOLIC ABOUT 60 YEARS OLD. BODY DISCOVERED/ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ON DECEMBER 31 AT 4:30 P. M.

(F) CORPSE Nº 6 WAS ALSO DESCRIBED AS AN ALCOHOLIC. HIS AGE WAS JUDGED TO BE BETWEEN 40-45 YEARS. BODY WAS FOUND ON JANUARY 3 AT 8 P. M.

2. POST WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT ALL RECORDS ARE WRITTEN IN LONG HAND. THEY VARY AS TO STYLE AND KIND OF INFORMATION GIVEN. RECORDS ARE KEPT IN LARGE BOOKS WHICH CANNOT BE REMOVED FROM THE JUDICIAL CENTER. THERE ARE NO PHOTOCOPY FACILITIES AVAILABLE. BECAUSE OF THIS, CONOFF COULD NOT OBTAIN EXACT COPIES. EXAMINATION OF ALL RECORDS BETWEEN DECEMBER 28 AND JANUARY 5th REQUIRED OVER THREE HOURS OF PAGE BY PAGE RESEARCH. VICTIMS REGISTERED DURING DECEMBER 28 TO JANUARY 6th/ THIS TIME FRAME WERE ALL IDENTIFIED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE LISTED ABOVE.

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3. JUDGE RICARDO VIANA COMMENTED TO CONOFF THAT CASES OF DISAPPEARANCE LIKE THAT OF SULLIVANS OCCUR DAILY. HE CITED EXAMPLES OF MOTHERS WHO HAVE PLEADED WITH HIM TO REVIEW THE BOOKS ONE MORE TIME TO SEE IF SOME TRACE OF THEIR SONS COULD BE UNCOVERED. FYI, THE GENERAL PUBLIC DOES NOT USUALLY HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO THESE RECORDS. AN EXCEPTION WAS MADE FOR CONOFF. [redacted] STATED THAT MORE OFTEN THAN NOT, THE BODY IS NEVER FOUND/~~FOUND~~ IN CASES INVOLVING POLITICAL ~~SEQUESTER~~ KIDNAP.

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4. POST IS FORWARDING ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED IN REFTEL VIA AIR POUCH.

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Aquien es de sumo anteres le dijo lo siguiente sobre
JOHN J. SULLIVAN. Que no Pensaba dar informacion
por. el Motivo de las Consecuencias que estan...o
ocurriendo A cada Momento. Si ustedes Me. Pro
meten. No guardan ninguna. Represalia
En Contra de Mi PERSONA Pues soy un Hombre...
Pobre que paso de la Comidad Publica por tener un
inpedimento Fisico i que tengo Familia que manten
en. i solo en la Calle me Mantengo Tomen en Cuenta...
Que es un Riesgo que Corro Por ellos Si se dan Cuenta
Que Yo le he puesto el dedal. es Por eso Que Yo he...
Pensado Repensado, en si ondenustedes Pero Mi Situa
tion es Vastante Seria i Me he decidoin A la Enpagada
es Mas Si ustedes Me Prometen Ademas del Reton Pensa
que dan, Me Ayudan Con un Pasaporte Para Sun America
acepto. i hablan Solamente Con el interesado PERSONAL
MENTE. Por que lo que Voy Adecirles es Cosa que John
Muho Me Asocorido. Siento Feo El Mal que le Voy Hate
m. Pero la Vida es Asi Que le Vamos hasen Mi Sitiion
es Seria i que Cuando Yo este Presente En el Consula
do que No haygo entretension. En la Entrada. i me yeve
n. directamente Al interesado. Me Presentare Con Mis
Ropas Humildes. i Media Ves Retiran esta Carta
Por Tel. Preguntan e Por lo de Mas.

Mi Santo i Seña Sena Soy [redacted] hablare
En Horas habiles

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